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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT FOR OPHTHALMIC  
DIAGNOSTIC PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES**  
(1st and 2nd Districts) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services or his designee, to sign the attached Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. H-209084, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with Richard Morrone, Inc. dba Bio-Graph (Bio-Graph) for the continued provision of ophthalmic diagnostic photography services at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA), LAC+USC Healthcare Network (LAC+USC), and Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center (King/Drew), effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and continuing on a month-to-month basis through December 31, 2008, for a total maximum County obligation of \$304,000.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to increase the maximum obligation by up to 25%, not to exceed \$76,000 for the term of the contract, for additional services as required to assure the continued provision of necessary patient care at each facility.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Approving these actions will allow for the continued provision of ophthalmic diagnostic photography services at H-UCLA, LAC+USC, and King/Drew effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

The current contract expires on December 31, 2006. Ophthalmic diagnostic photography services are used to aid in diagnosing a variety of diseases including but not limited to diabetes, sickle cell anemia and hematoma of the eye.

An Invitation for Bids was released in August 2006. By the submission deadline, no vendors had responded. The current Contractor has agreed to an extension under the same terms and conditions as the existing agreement. The Medical Centers are currently training their staff so they can perform the services in-house. The staff are expected to be fully trained by the end of the extension period, but if the training is completed sooner, the Agreement will be terminated.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total maximum obligation for this two-year contract is \$304,000. The annual amount by facility from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 is as follows: H-UCLA, \$38,000, King/Drew, \$31,000, and \$83,000 at LAC+USC.

Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

The Department of Health Services (Department) has determined that this contract is not a Proposition A contract and the provisions of Living Wage do not apply.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On March 31, 1998, the Board approved a contract with Richard Morrone, Inc., dba Bio-Graph effective April 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998, with provisions for five-one year automatic renewals through June 30, 2003.

Subsequent contract extensions were approved through December 31, 2006, with the most recent extension allowing for an increase in payment at LAC+USC, and making the payment methodology at King/Drew consistent with H-UCLA and OV-UCLA.

The Department will provide all the equipment and supplies necessary to perform the services at the three Medical Centers. The photographs will be taken in digital format by certified technicians. The photographs readily detect a variety of medical problems.

Contract monitoring functions will be performed by administrative staff at each Medical Center.

Attachment A provides additional information.

County Counsel has approved this Amendment No. 6 (Exhibit I) as to form.

The contractor is in compliance with all Board mandated provisions.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

On August 17, 2006, the Department released an Invitation for Bids for Ophthalmic Diagnostic Photography Services. The solicitation was posted on the County Website and advertised in local newspapers. Additionally, approximately seven potential bidders, located on the internet, were notified of the solicitation.

A mandatory bidder's conference was held on September 7, 2006 and the bids were due on October 25, 2006. The Department did not receive any bids as a result of this solicitation.

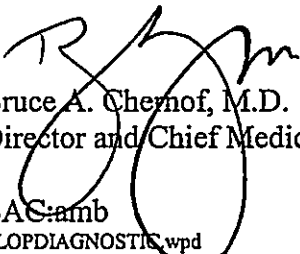
OV-UCLA was part of the solicitation process but has decided to perform services in-house using their own staff beginning January 1, 2007.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Board approval will allow for the continued provision of ophthalmic diagnostic photography services at H-UCLA, LAC+USC, and King/Drew for an additional two-year period through December 31, 2008.

When approved, the Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer  
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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

1. Type of Service

Ophthalmic Diagnostic Photography Services at LAC+USC Medical Center.

2. Agency Name/Address/Contract Person:

Richard Morrone, Inc., dba Bio-Graph  
P.O. Box 1240  
Studio City, CA 91614  
Attention: Richard Morrone, President  
Telephone: (818) 761-8108  
E-mail: rmorrone@pacbell.net

3. Term:

January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

4. Financial Information:

The total maximum obligation for this contract effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 is \$304,000. The annual amount from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 is as follows: H-UCLA, \$38,000, King/Drew, \$31,000, and \$83,000 at LAC+USC.

Funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

5. Person(s) Accountable for Program Monitoring:

Hospital Administration at each facility.

6. Approvals:

H-UCLA: Tecla Mickoseff, CEO

King/Drew: Antionette Smith-Epps, CEO

LAC+USC: Pete Delgado, CEO

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel: Elizabeth Friedman, Senior Deputy County Counsel